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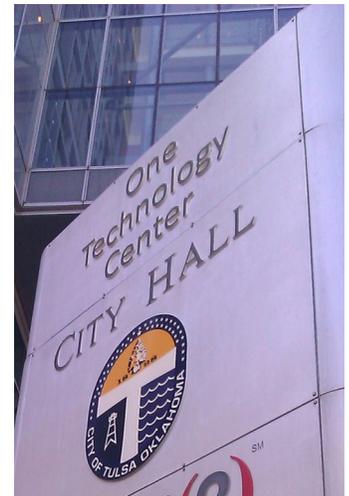
After much study and discussion, the League has decided to oppose all proposals to change Tulsa's form of government.

At a special board meeting in late June, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following position:

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa affirms its support of the current City of Tulsa charter and, therefore, opposes the proposed changes to the charter on the November 2011 ballot. The structure of the current form of city government of Tulsa (strong mayor/council) is fundamentally sound and representative.

There are adequate checks and balances to the power wielded by the mayor and the council. There is also sufficient separation of powers to require interaction and communication if both groups desire to faithfully and effectively govern.

We will be making public statements on this and working to inform the public of our position. The first scheduled opportunity is 6 p.m., Thursday, July 7, at a city-wide meeting called by the City Council. We'd like to have as many League members present as possible. Please [contact](#) the office for more information. 



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- League Opposes All Tulsa Charter Change Proposals
- Voter ID is Law; Education Campaign Begins
- Love the League; We're Awesome

Voter ID Requirements Are Now Law

League Education Campaign to Begin

Voter ID took effect on July 1. All voters will be asked for proof of identity whether they are voting at their polling place or voting early at the County Election Board.

According to the Tulsa County Election Board, accepted documents for proof of identity for voting purposes must have been issued by the federal, state or a tribal government and must include the voter's name,

photograph, and an expiration date that is after the date of the election in which the voter is attempting to vote. Voters also may use a voter identification card or a temporary voter identification document issued by the County Election Board.

We have scheduled training with Shelly Boggs, Tulsa County Election Board secretary, for 10 a.m., Saturday, July 30. Please [contact](#) the

office if you can attend. Everyone is welcome, but we'd especially like to see all voter registration and office volunteers at this training.

A plan has been developed for a public education campaign. We're contacting organizations that can partner with the League to help us educate the public. 

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

HONORED TO SERVE. HELP WANTED.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. I follow a long line of intelligent, talented and committed women and men to this post. I look forward to honoring their service by continuing to fight for what is right and just in public policy while making every effort to ensure voters have the information they need to make informed choices at the polls.

We have a very busy year ahead of us. We need everyone's help. Please accept this letter as your invitation to get involved in any way you can. Below are just a few of the important upcoming issues that could use your help.

Voter ID

The Voter ID law took effect July 1, and while we will continue to oppose this law on constitutional grounds, we must accept reality and begin educating voters that they will need to bring proper identification to the polls.

City Charter Change

There will be several proposals on the November ballot to change Tulsa's form of government. The League is opposing all of them.



Municipal Election Voter Guide

Elections will be held for each of the nine city council seats and for the city auditor in November. The League Voter

er Guide will be an invaluable tool to help Tulsans make their decisions.

State Water Study

The Tulsa League is taking the lead in a two-year water study intended to update and expand the current State position to bring it more in line with the scope of the National position. The committee will study water use, protection, management, conservation, ownership and quality across Oklahoma.

It's going to be a very exciting year! I look forward to working with each and every one of you to further the League's mission. Please don't hesitate to [contact](#) me with suggestions, concerns and offers to get involved.

In League,

Heather Hope-Hernandez

Heather Hope-Hernandez
President, 2011-2013 



LWV-US COUNCIL 2011:
WOW, WE'RE IN GOOD COMPANY!

The League of Women Voters of the United States is a strong national organization with impressive staff members ready to serve state and local Leagues.

Tulsa League Treasurer Kathleen Kastellic and President Heather Hope-Hernandez attended the League of Women Voters of the United States's bi-annual Council in Washington, D.C., in June.

We want to share one project

from that long weekend.

Before arriving, we were asked to select a campaign the League would work on through the 2012 elections, to bring our idea and be ready to flesh out the details with the national staff, board and members from across the country (Leagues from more than 40 states were represented).

With Voter ID taking effect on July 1, we knew that education campaign would take a huge effort first in Tulsa for the upcoming municipal primary

and election and then statewide in 2012 for the presidential election.

Working on this plan together and with input from our peers already dealing with Voter ID requirements in their states as well as the professional staff at the National office helped us develop a comprehensive education campaign we're ready to present and put to work with further input and assistance from League members across Oklahoma. 

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JULY 2011 CALENDAR

Wed., July 13, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

Voter Registration at
Naturalization Ceremony—
Federal Courthouse, 333 W. 4th St.

Sat, July 30, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Voter ID Training with Shelly Boggs of the
Tulsa County Election Board—

League Office 

Sat., July 16, 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Oklahoma League of Women Voters
Board Meeting —
League Office Conference Room

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Mon., July 18, 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Tulsa League Board Meeting –
League Office

Wed., July 20, All day.

DEADLINE *Tulsa Metro Voter*
Send to newsletter@lwvtulsa.org.

